



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

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Ms. Bridget Hoover
Mr. Huff McGonigal
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299 Foam Street
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Dear Ms. Hoover and Mr. McGonigal:

As we discussed this afternoon, the California Department of Food and Agriculture is providing a buffer zone that is two and half times what is necessary to prevent any discharge of the pheromones Checkmate OLR-F and Checkmate LBAM-F into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. As you indicated, no permit is required unless there is a discharge into the Sanctuary. As shown by the dispersal model we provided, there will be no discharge of the moth pheromones within the boundaries of the Sanctuary. Therefore, our eradication project is outside the jurisdiction of the Sanctuary and no permit is required.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you to further our mutual commitment to protect our environment.

Sincerely,

A.G. Kawamura
Secretary

